# Retrieve directories

## REST API reference

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# Retrieve directories

## Storage volumes volume.uuid top-metrics directories endpoint overview

### Overview

You can use this API to retrieve a list of directories with the greatest value performance metric or capacity metric for a specified volume. Use the `top_metric` parameter to specify which type of metric to filter for. This API is used to provide insight into IO metrics, namely `iops`, `throughput`, and `non_recursive_bytes_used`. This API only supports returning one metric per request.

### Retrieve a list of the directories with the most IO activity

For a report on the directories with the most IO activity returned in descending order, specify the performance metric type you want to filter for by passing the `iops` or `throughput` property into the top_metric parameter. If the metric type is not specified, by default the API returns a list of the directories with the greatest number of the average read operations per second. The maximum number of directories returned by the API for a metric type is 25.

### Failure to return list of directories with most IO activity

The API can sometimes fail to return the list of directories with the most IO activity, due to the following reasons:

– The volume does not have the activity tracking feature enabled.

– The volume does not have read/write traffic.

– The read traffic is served by the NFS/CIFS client filesystem cache.

– On rare occasions, the incoming traffic pattern is not suitable to obtain the list of directories with the most IO activity.

### Failure to return the pathnames for the list of directories with most IO activity

The API can sometimes fail to obtain the filesystem pathnames for the list of directory entries, due to internal transient errors. In such cases, instead of the pathname, the API will return "{<volume_instance_uuid>:<fileid>" for every directory entry. You can get more information about the directory entry by invoking the GET on the below API using the above obtained fileid. "GET /api/storage/volumes/{<volume_instance_uuid>}/files/{path}?inode_number=<fileid>"</fileid></volume_instance_uuid></fileid></volume_instance_uuid>

### Retrieve a list of the largest directories

For a report on the largest directories returned in descending order, specify the capacity metric by passing the `non_recursive_bytes_used` property into the top_metric parameter. If the metric type is not specified, by default the API returns a list of directories with the greatest number of average read operations per second.

– GET /api/storage/volumes/{volume.uuid}/top-metrics/directories

## Examples

### Retrieving a list of the directories with the greatest average number of read operations per second

```
# The API:
GET /api/storage/volumes/{volume.uuid}/top-metrics/directories

# The Call:
curl -X GET "https://<mgmt-ip>/api/storage/volumes/{volume.uuid}/top-
metrics/directories?top_metric=iops.read"

# The Response:
{
"records": [
  {
    "volume": {
      "name": "vol1",
    },
    "iops": {
      "read": 1495,
      "error": {
        "lower_bound": 1495,
        "upper_bound": 1505
      }
    },
    "path": "/dir1/dir2",
    "svm": {
      "uuid": "572361f3-e769-439d-9c04-2ba48a08ff43",
      "name": "vs1",
      "_links": {
        "self": {
          "href": "/api/svm/svms/572361f3-e769-439d-9c04-2ba48a08ff43"
        }
      }
    },
    "_links": {
      "directory": {
        "href": "/api/storage/volumes/73b293df-e9d7-46cc-a9ce-
2df8e52ef864/files/dir1%2Fdir2"
      },
      "metadata": {
        "href": "/api/storage/volumes/73b293df-e9d7-46cc-a9ce-
2df8e52ef864/files/dir1%2Fdir2?return_metadata=true"
      }
    }
  },
```

```
  {
    "volume": {
      "name": "vol1",
    },
    "iops": {
      "read": 1022,
      "error": {
        "lower_bound": 1022,
        "upper_bound": 1032
      }
    },
    "path": "/dir3/dir4",
    "svm": {
      "uuid": "572361f3-e769-439d-9c04-2ba48a08ff43",
      "name": "vs1",
      "_links": {
        "self": {
          "href": "/api/svm/svms/572361f3-e769-439d-9c04-2ba48a08ff43"
        }
      }
    },
    "_links": {
      "directory": {
        "href": "/api/storage/volumes/73b293df-e9d7-46cc-a9ce-
2df8e52ef864/files/dir3%2Fdir4"
      },
      "metadata": {
        "href": "/api/storage/volumes/73b293df-e9d7-46cc-a9ce-
2df8e52ef864/files/dir3%2Fdir4?return_metadata=true"
      }
    }
  },
  {
    "volume": {
      "uuid": "73b293df-e9d7-46cc-a9ce-2df8e52ef864",
      "name": "vol1",
      "_links": {
        "self": {
          "href": "/api/storage/volumes/73b293df-e9d7-46cc-a9ce-
2df8e52ef864"
        }
      }
    },
    "iops": {
      "read": 345,
      "error": {
```

```
        "lower_bound": 345,
        "upper_bound": 355
      }
    },
    "path": "/dir12",
    "svm": {
      "uuid": "572361f3-e769-439d-9c04-2ba48a08ff43",
      "name": "vs1",
      "_links": {
        "self": {
          "href": "/api/svm/svms/572361f3-e769-439d-9c04-2ba48a08ff43"
        }
      }
    },
    "_links": {
      "directory": {
        "href": "/api/storage/volumes/73b293df-e9d7-46cc-a9ce-
2df8e52ef864/files/dir12"
      },
      "metadata": {
        "href": "/api/storage/volumes/73b293df-e9d7-46cc-a9ce-
2df8e52ef864/files/dir12?return_metadata=true"
      }
    }
  }
],
"num_records": 3,
"_links": {
  "self": {
    "href": "/api/storage/volumes/73b293df-e9d7-46cc-a9ce-
2df8e52ef864/top-metrics/directories?top_metric=iops.read"
  }
}
}
```

**Retrieving a list of the directories with the most traffic with failure in obtaining the pathnames for the directories:**

```
# The Call:
curl -X GET "https://<mgmt-ip>/api/storage/volumes/{volume.uuid}/top-
metrics/directories?top_metric=throughput.write"

# The Response:
{
"records": [
```

```
  {
    "volume": {
      "name": "fv"
    },
    "throughput": {
      "write": 24,
      "error": {
        "lower_bound": 24,
        "upper_bound": 29
      }
    },
    "path": "{4ec6d1ea-d5da-11eb-a25f-005056ac0f77:1232}",
    "svm": {
      "uuid": "0ba74c3e-d5ca-11eb-8fbb-005056ac0f77",
      "name": "vs0",
      "_links": {
        "self": {
          "href": "/api/svm/svms/0ba74c3e-d5ca-11eb-8fbb-005056ac0f77"
        }
      }
    }
  },
  {
    "volume": {
      "name": "fv"
    },
    "throughput": {
      "write": 12,
      "error": {
        "lower_bound": 12,
        "upper_bound": 22
      }
    },
    "path": "{4ec6d1ea-d5da-11eb-a25f-005056ac0f77:6754}",
    "svm": {
      "uuid": "0ba74c3e-d5ca-11eb-8fbb-005056ac0f77",
      "name": "vs0",
      "_links": {
        "self": {
          "href": "/api/svm/svms/0ba74c3e-d5ca-11eb-8fbb-005056ac0f77"
        }
      }
    }
  },
  {
    "volume": {
```

```
      "name": "fv"
    },
    "throughput": {
      "write": 8,
      "error": {
        "lower_bound": 8,
        "upper_bound": 10
      }
    },
    "path": "{4ec6d1ea-d5da-11eb-a25f-005056ac0f77:8654}",
    "svm": {
      "uuid": "0ba74c3e-d5ca-11eb-8fbb-005056ac0f77",
      "name": "vs0",
      "_links": {
        "self": {
          "href": "/api/svm/svms/0ba74c3e-d5ca-11eb-8fbb-005056ac0f77"
        }
      }
    }
  }
],
"num_records": 3,
"_links": {
  "self": {
    "href": "/api/storage/volumes/4ec6d1ea-d5da-11eb-a25f-
005056ac0f77/top-metrics/directories?top_metric=throughput.write"
  }
}
}
```


### Example showing the behavior of the API when there is no read/write traffic:

```
# The Call:
curl -X GET "https://<mgmt-ip>/api/storage/volumes/{volume.uuid}/top-
metrics/directories?top_metric=throughput.write"

# The Response:
{
"records": [
],
"num_records": 0,
"notice": {
  "message": "The activity tracking report for volume \"FV\" in SVM
\"vs0\" returned zero records. Check whether the volume have read/write
traffic. Refer to the REST API documentation for more information on why
there might be no records.",
  "code": "124518418"
},
"_links": {
  "self": {
    "href": "/api/storage/volumes/9af63729-8ac8-11ec-b1bc-
005056a79da4/top-metrics/directories?top_metric=throughput.write"
  }
}
}
```

# Retrieve directories with the greatest value performance metric or capacity metric

GET `/storage/volumes/{volume.uuid}/top-metrics/directories`

**Introduced In:** 9.10

Retrieves a list of directories with the greatest value performance metric or capacity metric.

## Parameters

| Name | Type | In | Required | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| volume.uuid | string | path | True | Volume UUID |

| Name | Type | In | Required | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| top_metric | string | query | False | Type of performance metric or capacity metric.<br>• Default value: 1<br>• enum: ["iops.read", "iops.write", "throughput.read", "throughput.write"] |
| max_records_per_volume | integer | query | False | Max records per volume. |
| iops.read | integer | query | False | Filter by iops.read |
| iops.write | integer | query | False | Filter by iops.write |
| iops.error.lower_bound | integer | query | False | Filter by iops.error.lower_bound |
| iops.error.upper_bound | integer | query | False | Filter by iops.error.upper_bound |
| svm.uuid | string | query | False | Filter by svm.uuid |
| svm.name | string | query | False | Filter by svm.name |
| volume.name | string | query | False | Filter by volume.name |
| path | string | query | False | Filter by path |
| throughput.error.lower_bound | integer | query | False | Filter by throughput.error.lower_bound |
| throughput.error.upper_bound | integer | query | False | Filter by throughput.error.upper_bound |

| Name | Type | In | Required | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| throughput.read | integer | query | False | Filter by throughput.read |
| throughput.write | integer | query | False | Filter by throughput.write |
| fields | array[string] | query | False | Specify the fields to return. |
| max_records | integer | query | False | Limit the number of records returned. |
| return_records | boolean | query | False | The default is true for GET calls. When set to false, only the number of records is returned.<br>• Default value: 1 |
| return_timeout | integer | query | False | The number of seconds to allow the call to execute before returning. When iterating over a collection, the default is 15 seconds. ONTAP returns earlier if either max records or the end of the collection is reached.<br>• Default value: 1<br>• Max value: 120<br>• Min value: 0 |
| order_by | array[string] | query | False | Order results by specified fields and optional [asc |

## Response

```
Status: 200, Ok
```

| Name | Type | Description |
| --- | --- | --- |
| _links | _links | |
| notice | notice | Optional field that indicates why no records are returned by the volume activity tracking REST API. |
| num_records | integer | Number of records. |
| records | array[top_metrics_directory] | |

**Example response**


```
{
  "_links": {
    "next": {
      "href": "/api/resourcelink"
    },
    "self": {
      "href": "/api/resourcelink"
    }
  },
  "notice": {
    "code": "111411207",
    "message": "No read/write traffic on volume."
  },
  "records": [
    {
      "_links": {
        "metadata": {
          "href": "/api/resourcelink"
        },
        "self": {
          "href": "/api/resourcelink"
        }
      },
      "iops": {
        "error": {
          "lower_bound": 34,
          "upper_bound": 54
        },
        "read": 10,
        "write": 5
      },
      "path": "/dir_abc/dir_123/dir_20",
      "svm": {
        "_links": {
          "self": {
            "href": "/api/resourcelink"
          }
        },
        "name": "svm1",
        "uuid": "02c9e252-41be-11e9-81d5-00a0986138f7"
      },
      "throughput": {
        "error": {
          "lower_bound": 34,
```

```
          "upper_bound": 54
        },
        "read": 3,
        "write": 20
      },
      "volume": {
        "_links": {
          "self": {
            "href": "/api/resourcelink"
          }
        },
        "name": "volume1",
        "uuid": "028baa66-41bd-11e9-81d5-00a0986138f7"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```


## Error

```
Status: Default, Error
```

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| error | error | |

**Example error**


```
{
  "error": {
    "arguments": [
      {
        "code": "string",
        "message": "string"
      }
    ],
    "code": "4",
    "message": "entry doesn't exist",
    "target": "uuid"
  }
}
```

## Definitions

**See Definitions**

href

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| href | string | |

_links

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| next | href | |
| self | href | |

notice

Optional field that indicates why no records are returned by the volume activity tracking REST API.

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| code | string | Warning code indicating why no records are returned. |
| message | string | Details why no records are returned. |

_links

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| metadata | href | |
| self | href | |

top_metric_value_error_bounds

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| lower_bound | integer | Lower bound of the nominal value of a metric. |
| upper_bound | integer | Upper bound of the nominal value of a metric. |

iops

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| error | top_metric_value_error_bounds | |

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| read | integer | Average number of read operations per second. |
| write | integer | Average number of write operations per second. |

_links

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| self | href | |

svm

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| _links | _links | |
| name | string | The name of the SVM. |
| uuid | string | The unique identifier of the SVM. |

throughput

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| error | top_metric_value_error_bounds | |
| read | integer | Average number of read bytes received per second. |
| write | integer | Average number of write bytes received per second. |

volume

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| _links | _links | |
| name | string | The name of the volume. |

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| uuid | string | Unique identifier for the volume. This corresponds to the instance-uuid that is exposed in the CLI and ONTAPI. It does not change due to a volume move.<br>• example: 028baa66-41bd-11e9-81d5-00a0986138f7<br>• Introduced in: 9.6 |

top_metrics_directory

Information about a directory's IO metrics.

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| _links | _links | |
| iops | iops | |
| path | string | Path of the directory. |
| svm | svm | |
| throughput | throughput | |
| volume | volume | |

error_arguments

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| code | string | Argument code |
| message | string | Message argument |

error

| Name | Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| arguments | array[error_arguments] | Message arguments |
| code | string | Error code |
| message | string | Error message |
| target | string | The target parameter that caused the error. |

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